has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 214.47 crore for utilization in Jharkhand out of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) during the last three years, as per details given below:

Tranches	Total amount (Rs. crores)
RIDF-III (1997-98)	4.35
RIDF-IV (1998-99)	118.5
RIDF-V (1999-2000)	91.42
RIDF-VI (2000-2001)	NIL
RIDF-VII (2001-2002)	NIL

(b) NABARD has reported that projects should pertain to eligible items under RIDF, be technically feasible and sponsored by the State Government.

(c) Rural infrastructure projects sanctioned out of RIDF are phased to be completed in maximum three years period.

L.T.C. for Central Government Employees

2413. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the LTC facility for the Central Government employees has been kept in abeyance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry of Finance is thinking of reviewing its decision for reintroduction of LTC facility for employees of the Central Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) The LTC facility has been kept in abeyance in view of need for economy in public expenditure. The position has been reviewed and it has been decided that the present is not the opportune moment for reviewing the same.